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SUBJECT: TURKISH CANDIDACY FOR COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT

1. TURKISH EMB. COUNSELOR NURES CALLED ON PM/DCA DIRECTOR
PALMER JULY 6, 1978 AND DELIVERED FOLLOWING "AIDE MEMOIRE:"

- THE TURKISH EMBASSY PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE LATTER
THAT TURKEY HAS PUT FORTH HER CANDIDACY FOR MEMBERSHIP TO
THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT. THIS HAS BEEN DULY COMMUNI-
CATED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

- IT WOULD BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED IF THE US COULD SUPPORT
TURKEY'S CANDIDATURE TO THE AFOREMENTIONED COMMITTEE.

- THE TURKISH EMBASSY AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY

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TO RENEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THE ASSURANCE OF ITS
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

2. IN AMPLIFYING COMMENTS, NURES NOTED THAT FOR SOME TIME
TURKEY HAS FAVORED EXPANSION OF CCD MEMBERSHIP. TURKEY
WAS NATO MEMBER, WITH A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT, THAT COULD
BE EXPECTED TO COOPERATE WITH THE US ON DISARMAMENT ISSUES.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT TURKEY HAS A POPULATION OF 42 MILLION AND WAS, ASIDE FROM INDIA, THE LARGEST DEVELOPING STATE WITH A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. THIS WAS FURTHER REASON FOR US TO SUPPORT ACTIVE TURKISH PARTICIPATION IN DISARMAMENT EFFORTS.

3. PALMER REPLIED THAT US HAD ALSO SUPPORTED EXPANSION OF CCD MEMBERSHIP AND WAS ENCOURAGED BY TURKISH CANDIDACY. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT US THINKING ON THIS ISSUE WAS IN PRELIMINARY STAGE. SEVERAL STATES HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CCD MEMBERSHIP AND REGIONAL STATES WOULD NEED TO CONSIDER WHICH AMONG THEM TO RECOMMEND FOR CD MEMBERSHIP. VANCE

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